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SUBJECT: TURK TO PRESENT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL PETITION ON
BEHALF OF "PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE" TO UN AND TO GIVE NOBEL
LECTURE

REF: A) STATE 278883 (NOTAL), B) ANKARA 8664 (NOTAL),
C) ANKARA 8644 (NOTAL)

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS DECEMBER 1, TURKISH
HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST PROFESSOR MUMTAZ SOYSAL SAID THAT
CONTRARY TO MILLIYET STORY (REF C) NOT HE, BUT THE PRESIDENT
OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (AI), WILL ACCEPT THE NOBEL PRIZE
ON BEHALF OF THE ORGANIZATION. HOWEVER, SOYSAL HAS BEEN
SELECTED TO PRESENT AI LECTURE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO NOBEL
COMMITTEE DECEMBER 11.

2. PRIOR TO HIS TRAVEL TO OSLO TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF AI,
SOYSAL WILL FLY TO NEW YORK TO PRESENT AN AI PETITION WHICH
CALLS FOR THE RELEASE OF "PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE"

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TO EITHER THE PRESIDENT OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR PERHAPS
UN SECGEN WALDHEIM. SOYSAL IS ARRIVING NEW YORK DECEMBER
5 AND WILL PRESENT AI PETITION ON DECEMBER 6 OR 7.
THE PETITION HAS BEEN SIGNED BY APPROXIMATELY 1.1 MILLION
PERSONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD, INCLUDING SOME CHIEFS OF
STATE. SOYSAL TOLD EMBOFFS THAT CYPRUS PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU
IS ONE OF THE SIGNATORIES. BY CONTRAST, ALTHOUGH AN

OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN PETITION WAS PRESENTED TO GOT LEADERS,
NOT ONE RESPONDED. HOWEVER, A NUMBER OF PROMINENT TURKS
HAVE REPORTEDLY ADDED THEIR NAMES TO PETITION.

3. AS REPORTED REF C, SOYSAL IS AI VP AND A MEMBER OF
AI'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. SOYSAL TOLD EMBOFFS HE FINDS IT
IRONIC THAT HIS 1971-73 IMPRISONMENT CATAPULTED HIM TO
PROMINENCE AND STIMULATED HIS ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN HUMAN RIGHTS
ON AN INTERNATIONAL SCALE.

4. COMMENT: WE HOPE USUN OR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WILL
HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH SOYSAL DURING HIS BRIEF NEW YORK
VISIT. HE CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH THE NEW YORK AI
ORGANIZATION, HE SAID.
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